

TOWN OF WENHAM
Town of Wenham Conservation Commission
Meeting of Monday September 24, 2007 ~ 7:30 PM
Senior Center, School Street

Commissioners Present: Patrick Wilson, Chair; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker;
Not Present: Phil Colarusso; Malcolm Reid
Also Present: Emilie Cademartori, Conservation Agent; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Continued Public Hearings

Notices of Intent

1. 363 Grapevine Rd (DEP file #326-0298)
Subdivision access road, utility installation, drainage and grading
Applicant Henrik Sandell
Peer Review Engineer, Peter Ogren, Hayes Engineering

The Commissioners reviewed the Revised Definitive Subdivision Site Grading Plan for 363 Grapevine Road dated 8/23/07.

Ms Cademartori stated that the applicant's engineer died unexpectedly, there will be a delay until the applicant hires a new engineer.

She stated that the CC's Engineer, Mr. Ogren has offered to meet with Hayes outside of the meeting. The Commissioners saw no advantage to this and asked that this be on the next meeting agenda and Mr. Ogren attend.

Laura Gibson was present representing the Gabrielli's and questioned the revised grading plan proposed elevation. She asked if there was a waiver and identified that the elevation 62 lines up with 70. The Planning Board will be consulted regarding the 8/23/07 revisions.

The Commissioners identified their concern that there are no details for erosion control and this information was requested.

Mr. Whittaker made a motion to continue the hearing. Mr. Maestranzi seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANRAD (DEP file # 326-0302)

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (DEP file #326-0302)

#75 & 79 Arbor St ROSC Subdivision

Applicant Peter Gourdeau, 75 Arbor Street, LLC

Ms. Cademartori identified that three proposals were received for a Vernal Pool Habitat Assessment; New England Environmental, Inc; Oxbow Associates, Inc.; HYL A Ecological Inc.

The Commissioners discussed the proposals and determined they were not prepared to make a decision at this time and will address this at the next meeting.

The Commissioners noted their concern that the definitive dry method will not be satisfactory to the abutters and another study may be requested during the spring when it is presumably wetter.

Mr. Gourdeau was present and in agreement to have the study done at this time.

Mr. Whittaker requested that the CV's (Curriculum Vitae) be reviewed by the Agent and forwarded to the Commissioners.

Mr. Whittaker made motion to continue the hearing. Mr. Maestranzi seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker

Opposed: None
MOTION CARRIED

Horse Hill lane (DEP file# 326-0301)

Horse Hill Lane road improvement, driveway, house & septic

Applicant Peter Proulx

Ms. Cademartori identified that the CC Office did not receive a request to continue but the agent determined that there has been no progress with the Planning Board and this was an oversight on the part of the applicant.

Mr. Maestranzi made a motion to continue by default. Mr. Whittaker seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

RDA

Request for Determination 115 Pleasant Street

Residential addition within 100 feet of Pleasant Pond

Applicant Kurt Weltler

It was noted that the RDA was continued until a dry well plan was submitted.

Ms. Cademartori identified that a plan was submitted with two circles drawn on the original plan indicating the proposed locations and she went on to note her concern that this is not in accordance to the guidelines and asked if the Commissioners were comfortable allowing the home owner to put in the wells without an Engineer's Plan.

The Commissioners reviewed photos of the house/lot and it was noted that proposed work is on the water side.

Mr. Whittaker made a motion the CC find a positive determination because the proximity of project to the resource, and untreated storm water/channelization of flow, and erosion has potential of impact on wetland resource with this project.

Mr. Maestranzi seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion Items

-Schedule site visit for 15 Juniper St (Diane Pizzo) 9/30 AM or 10/3 PM

Ms. Pizzo acknowledged the receipt of the letter from Ms Cademartori. Ms. Cademartori said that she spoke on the phone with Ms. Pizzo who offered two dates of 9/30/07 or 10/3/07, noting Ms. Pizzo responded that she has done everything properly and no violations exist.

Ms Cademartori went on to review that the paddock on the property is within 100 feet of wetland and in drinking water protection zone. She said that the BOH agent did a site visit but she has not received his response to date.

The Chair will attend the BOH meeting to discuss this with the Board.

CC agreed that they would like to see the property in cooperation with the BOH, but the two dates she offered will not work for the Commissioners. A week day in the morning is preferred. The Agent will set up that appointment.

- Feedback on request for Conservation Officer
Ms. Cademartori reported that the Police Chief and Town Administrator responded to the request for a Conservation Officer saying that an Officer will be assigned on an as needed basis.

Update from Ken on Conservation Commission Day – State House

Mr. Whitaker reported that many people attended. He reviewed the Conservation Bills that are being pushed through legislator i.e. Enforce/collect fines.

Administrative Business

Minutes - September 10

Mr. Maestranzi made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Mr. Burnett seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Finances

Bills – Reviewed and signed

It was noted that the next CC meeting falls on a holiday; therefore the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 9, 2007

8:48 pm

Mr. Maestranzi made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.